

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3-11 remain in the application. Claim 2 has been canceled.

1. (Currently amended) A motor-driven power saw (2) comprises an elongated housing (4), having a leading end and a trailing end, a guide assembly (9) for guiding the power saw (2) on a work piece is removably attached in the region of a device collar (3) at a tool opening (5), in the leading end of said housing, said guide assembly (9) having an elongated connecting assembly (10) with two connecting parts (14) and a connecting receptacle assembly (12) formed on and extending in the elongated direction from the leading end of said housing (4), said connecting receptacle assembly (12) forms a guide for said connecting parts (14) and is secured by a form fit with an adjusting assembly (36) ~~on~~ in said housing (4), said connecting parts (14) are elongated rodlike members with a rounded cross-section in at least an elongated section thereof, and said connecting receptacle assembly (12) has a separate connecting recess (46) in said housing (4) for each of said connecting parts (14).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) A power saw, as set forth in claim 2 ~~6~~, wherein said connecting recesses (46) have at least in a region thereof a rounded cross-section in which the respective connecting part (14) can be guided in the region having a rounded cross-section.

4. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 3, wherein at least one of said connecting parts (14) has a plurality of spaced reduced diameter locking constrictions (16) in the region with the rounded cross-sections, and a locking element (38) can be partially shifted into one of said locking constructions..

5. (Currently amended) A power saw, as set forth in claim 4,

wherein said axes (A) of the connecting parts (14) have a spacing (a), corresponding approximately to 0.3 to 0.9 times the width (b) of said housing (4) in the leading end region ~~47~~ (47) of said housing (4).

6. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said connecting assembly (10) has at least one connecting web (22) for securely connecting said connecting parts (14) together.

7. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said connecting web (22) is located adjacent the ends of said connecting parts (14) spaced outwardly from said housing (4).

8. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 7, wherein said connecting web (22) has a U-shaped cross-section.

9. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 8, wherein said connecting web (22) has fastening means (30, 32) for rotationally mounting said guide means (8).

10. (Original) A power saw, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said connecting web (22) is formed of a bent-punch part.

11. (Previously presented) A power saw, as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said connecting parts (14) comprise said rounded cross-sections extending for a complete region of said connecting receptacle assembly (12).